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SUBJECT: PRAVDA ON BERLIN'S MAYOR --CSCE ISSUE

REFS: A) MOSCOW1965, B) BONN 2339 C) MOSCOW 1943, D) MOSCOW 2080

1. SENAT REACTED SHARPLY TO PRAVAD ATTACK ON GOVERNING  
MAYOR, REF A, WHICH WAS REPRINTED PROMINETLY AND  
APPARENTLY IN FULL BY EAST BERLIN'S NEUES DEUTSCH-  
LAND FEBRUARY 12 BY ISSUING STATEMENT THROUGH PRESS  
SPOKESMAN. SPOKESMAN REAFFIRMED SCHUETZ DEMAND THAT  
ALL PERSONS IN BERLIN AS WELL AS GDR SHOULD BENEFIT  
FROM IMPROVEMENTS DECIDED IN HELSINKI. SPOKESMAN  
REPETAED SCHUETZ' POINT THAT MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN  
BERLIN SITUATION PRE-DATE CSCE, AND THAT SINCE  
HELSINKI SUMMITEASTEN SIDE HAS CONTINUED TO SHOW  
ITSELF UNWILLING TO PERMIT ROUTINE INCLUSION OF BERLIN  
IN VARIOUS AGREEMENTS UNDER NEGOTIATION BY FRG INCLUDING  
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THOSE ON LEGAL ASSISTANCE, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

COOPERATION, AND CULTURAL METTERS, AND EAST-WEST  
ELECTRICITY CABLE THAT WAS TO PASS DIRECTLY THROUGH  
BERLIN. SENAT SPOKESMAN ALSO ASKED RHETORICALLY  
WHENGDR WILL PERMIT FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS  
SUBSCRIBED TO IN HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND WHEN IT WILL  
AT LAST BE PREPARED TO PERMIT ALL ITS CITIZENS TO  
OBTAIN UNCENSORED WESTERN NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS.

2. COMMENT: LIKE EMBASSY, WE TOO ARE INTRIGUED BY  
PRAVADA AND NEUES DEUTSCHLAND CIRITICIMS OF GOVERNING  
MAYOR FOR NOT HAVING SAID WHAT WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIS  
HAVE DONE OR PLAN TO DO TO IMPLEMENT CSCE DECISIONS.  
WHILE THERE IS POSITIVE ASPECT HERE THAT SOVIETS  
NOW ACCEPT ONCE POTENTIALLY CONTENTIOUS POINT THAT  
CSCE RESULTS SHOULD EXTEND TO BERLIN, WE FEEL THERE  
MAY BE MORE BITTERS THAN OLIVES IN THIS PARTICULAR  
COCKTAIL AS DEVISED BY SOVIET PUBLICISTS.

3. SOVIETS HAVE THUS FAR EMPHASIED THAT MANY  
ASPECTS OF CSCE ARE NOT SELF-IMPLEMENTING OR  
UNILATERALLY IMPLEMENTING. THEY REQUIRE PROPER BILATERAL  
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PARTIES CONCERNED. THIS LINE FITS  
IN WITH ARTICLE 7 OF SOVIET-GDR TREATY ON DEVELOPMENT  
OF TIES BETWEEN SOCIALIST STATES AND WEST BERLIN,  
WITH DOWNGRADING OF SPECIAL BERLIN-FRG TIES, AND  
WITH COMMENTS IN PRAVADA ON DEVELOPMENT OF NORMAL  
RELATIONS BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND SOCIALIST STATES.  
PROVAD PIECE MAY CONCEIVABLY BE INTENDED TO HELP  
DEFLECT WESTERN ASSERTIONS THAT CSCE SHOULD  
MENA MORE FOR BERLIN WITH COUNTER-THRUST THAT THIS  
IS POSSIBLE ONLY WHEN SENAT FACES UP TO ITS RESPON-  
SIBILITY AND NEGOTIATES AS THIRD GERMAN STATE. IT  
DOES NOT IN ANY EVENT STRIKE US AS OFFERING ENCOURAGE-  
MENT THAT SOVIETS WILL BE EAGER TO MODERATE POTENTIALLY  
TRICKY BERLIN ASPECTS OF VARIOUS CSCE IMPLEMENTATION  
PROJECTS CITED REFS C AND D. PROMPTNESS OF SENAT  
REBUTTAL PROVIDES GOOD INDICATION OF HOW  
SENSITIVE AN ISSUE IT WILL LIKELY BE IN BERLIN AND  
FRG POLITICS IF BERLIN-RELATED DIFFICULTIES ARISE  
OVER SUCH PROJECTS AND GIVE IMPRESSION THAT CITY IS  
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BEING " LEFT BEHIND" IN PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF DETENTE  
PROCESS. TETRD

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